

We are the Branches



ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2023 - JUNE 30, 2024



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

MENSAJE DEL PÁRROCO

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:00 AM

HOLIDAYS

9:00 AM

SATURDAY

8:30 AM

Confessions immediately following

4:00 PM (Memorial Hall)

SUNDAY

7:30 AM (Church, Quiet Mass)

9:00 AM (Memorial Hall, Family Mass)

10:30 AM (Church)

12:00 PM (Church, in Spanish)

5:00 PM (Church)

Dear Friends:

I'm delighted to share this 2023-2024 Annual Report with you. Behind the words, charts, and photos contained herein are hours of service and generosity offered by you, our dear parishioners, and our talented and dedicated staff and visiting clergy. The photos also capture the true spirit of joy that exists in our parish, especially among our children!

We know that from its founding in 1863, St Teresa of Avila Church has played a fundamental role in the life of Catholic Christians in the development and pastoral work of the Church. Since its inception, this parish has responded to the particular pastoral needs of this community making it an adopted spiritual home for many.

As a living community of believers, while we find ourselves not only being a place of comfort, consolation, and peace for those who are physically present among us, also, given the opportunities of the internet, we have entered and embraced the virtual world, quickly learning and growing new ways to bring the Gospel of Jesus to those in so many other places beyond our traditional borders.

Underlying this report is my sincere thanks for all that has been this year. It is my fervent hope and prayer that we will continue to be a beacon that radiates the light of the Catholic faith and responds to the deepest and truest desires of the human heart, giving meaning and hope to the lives of individuals and families who come to our doors, especially those in need.

Blessings!

Monsignor Robert S Meyer, Esq
Pastor

Queridos feligreses:

Es un placer compartir con ustedes este Informe Anual 2023-2024. Detrás de las palabras, gráficos y fotografías contenidas en este documento se esconden horas de servicio y generosidad ofrecidas por ustedes, nuestros queridos feligreses, nuestro talentoso y dedicado personal y el clero visitante. Las fotos también capturan el verdadero espíritu de alegría que existe en nuestra parroquia, ¡especialmente entre nuestros niños!

Sabemos que desde su fundación en 1863, la Iglesia Santa Teresa de Ávila ha jugado un papel fundamental en la vida de los cristianos católicos en el desarrollo y labor pastoral de la Iglesia. Desde sus inicios, esta parroquia ha respondido a las necesidades pastorales particulares de esta comunidad, convirtiéndola en un hogar espiritual adoptado por muchos.

Como comunidad viva de creyentes, si bien nos encontramos no solo siendo un lugar de consuelo, consuelo y paz para aquellos que están físicamente presentes entre nosotros, también, dadas las oportunidades de Internet, hemos entrado y abrazado el mundo virtual, aprendiendo y desarrollando rápidamente nuevas formas de llevar el Evangelio de Jesús a quienes se encuentran en muchos otros lugares más allá de nuestras fronteras tradicionales.

Detrás de este informe está mi sincero agradecimiento por todo lo que ha sucedido este año. Es mi ferviente esperanza y oración que sigamos siendo un faro que irradia la luz de la fe católica y responda a los deseos más profundos y verdaderos del corazón humano, dando significado y esperanza a las vidas de las personas y familias que vienen a nuestras puertas, especialmente en los necesitados.

¡bendiciones!



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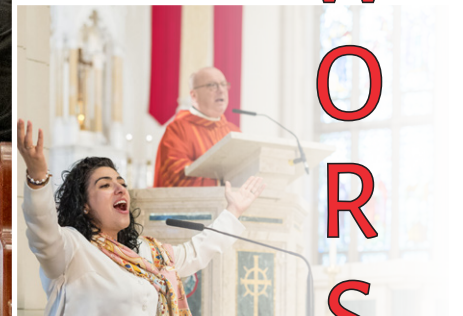
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PARISH MINISTRIES



A GALA CHRISTMAS Concert

Our parish music ministry presents an annual Christmas Concert in mid-December with adult and children's choirs, orchestra, soloists and a guest youth choir. This event has grown in popularity each year and has become a draw to the local community, providing a festive holiday experience set in the beauty of our sacred space. We look forward to continued success and expanding our outreach to the greater area of Summit through music and the arts. Sponsorship opportunities are available through private donations and our new concert program ad journal.

The Parish Music Ministry accepts new volunteers throughout the year. Whether you sing or play an instrument, your gifts and talents help enhance the worship experience of our parish community through song. Please contact our Director of Music Ministries to get involved: Matthew Still - matthews@stteresaavila.org

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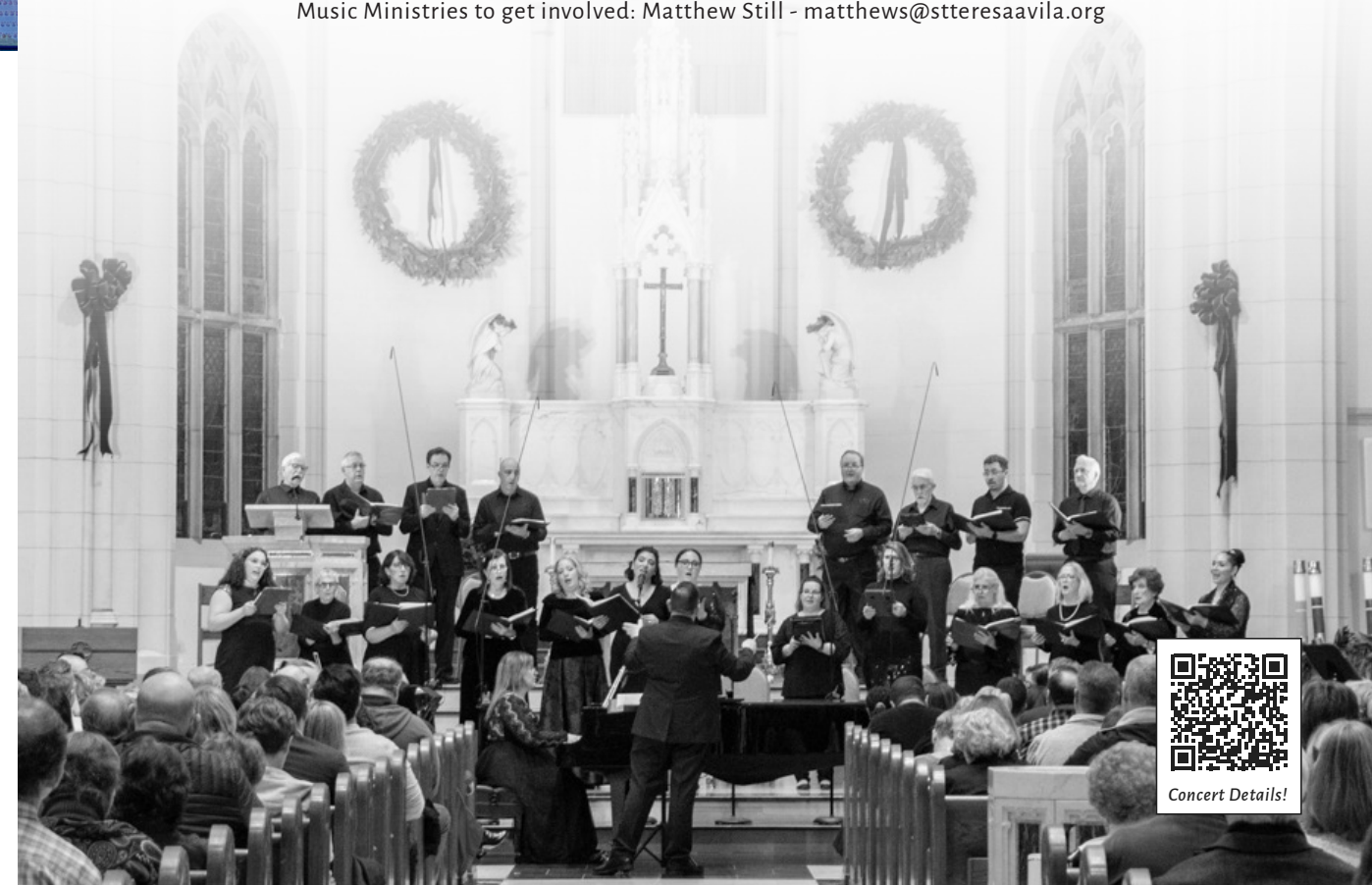
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Concert Details!



PARISH OUTREACH

*“Believe what you read.
Teach what you believe.
Practice what you teach.”*

- THE ORDINATION OF PERMANENT DEACONS -

Corporal Works of Mercy Fall Homily Series

Spiritual Works of Mercy Lenten Homily Series

The Corporal Works of Mercy and Spiritual Works of Mercy were subjects of our homily series during the fall and Lenten seasons. Rooted in scripture, each series challenged us to live out the instruction of serving our neighbor in both concrete and spiritual ways, extending beyond the pulpit and our own community. Through the generosity of our parishioners, St Teresa of Avila lent financial assistance to several organizations whose missions are aligned with the very nature of these Works of Mercy.

\$193,424

\$27,909

Outside Organizations

- Angela Intili-Stokes Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Assumption College for Sisters
- Boy Scout Troop #67
- Catholic Charities Rio Grande Valley
- Community Food Bank of New Jersey
- Congregation of the Daughters of Mary Tabora
- Haven Adolescent Community Respite Center
- Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry
- Mercy House
- Mexico Mission
- National Christ Child Society
- Patriot's Path Council
- RENEW International
- Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children
- SHIP (Summit Helping Its People)
- St Teresa of Avila PreSchool
- Support of Sisters

National Special Collections

- Archdiocesan Retired Priests
- Black & Native-American CRS
- Catholic Home Mission
- The Catholic University of America
- Churches in Africa
- Churches of Eastern Europe
- Communicating God's Word
- Good Friday for The Holy Land
- Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal
- Peter's Pence
- Retirement for Religious
- World Mission Sunday



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PARISH FINANCE

Financial Report

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Further detailed and audited results will be published in a future bulletin.

revenue	
ORDINARY REVENUE	1,667,250
ADDITIONAL REVENUE	325,132
OTHER REVENUE	576,691
TOTAL REVENUE	2,569,073
expense	
SALARIES & BENEFITS	1,344,347
CONTRACTED SERVICES	109,577
PLANT RELATED	321,016
UTILITIES	101,210
SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	140,039
GENERAL	616,405
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,632,594
NET DEFICIT	(63,521)

2020 - 2024 Review

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Parish					
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	2,569,073	2,067,588	2,163,339	2,043,218	2,216,008
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	2,632,594	2,197,453	2,098,227	1,918,986	2,326,417
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(63,521)	(129,865)	65,112	124,232	(110,409)
Cemetery and Mausoleum					
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	984,195	747,109	862,765	915,540	586,326
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	835,781	868,661	853,351	658,947	406,799
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	148,414	(121,552)	9,414	256,593	179,527

Archdiocese Annual Appeal 5 year history

YEAR	GOAL	PLEGGED	RECEIVED	VARIANCE	DONORS
2024	142,204	164,416	160,671	18,467	206
2023	122,209	159,090	161,260	39,051	196
2022	123,811	132,688	131,268	7,457	192
2021	142,204	164,250	163,504	21,300	227
2020	151,362	91,061	91,061	(60,301)	143

Note: 2024 figures are as of 6/30/24.

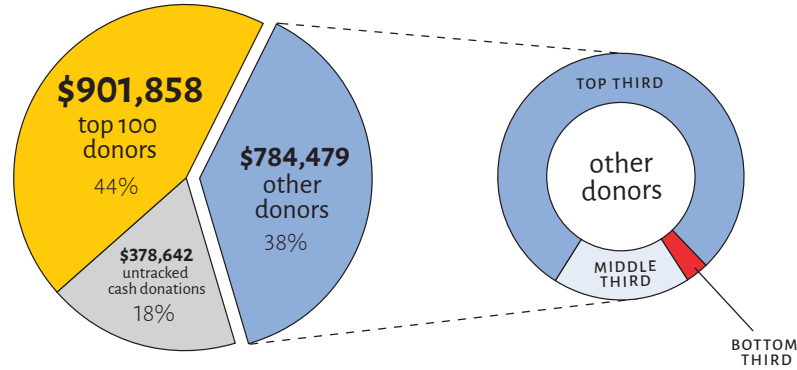


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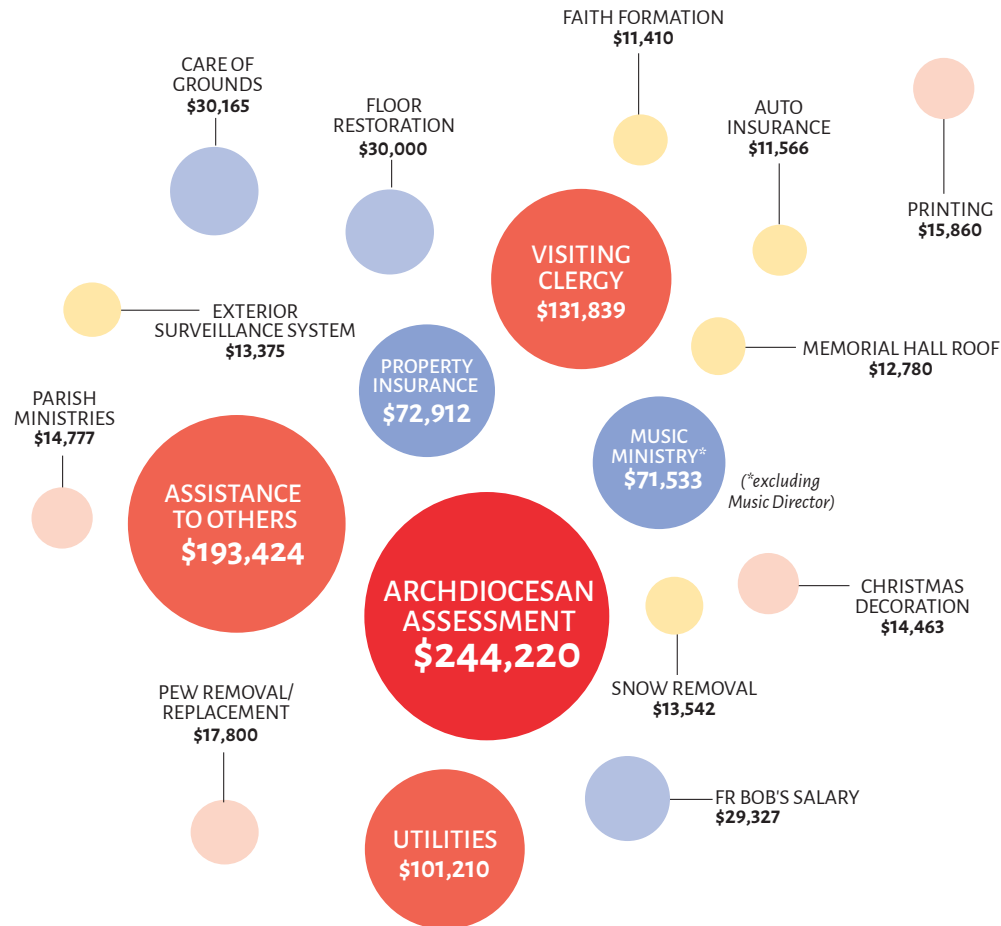
Donations

Total Donations
\$2,064,978

Total Registered Donors
1,314



Expenses



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RENEWING OUR HOPE

6 honorees | 315 attendees | 32 auction items | \$96,345 net revenue | \$20,000 from the net revenue was donated to charitable causes of the Honorees' choosing

A night to remember!

The St Teresa of Avila Renewing Our Hope Fundraiser was held at The Park Savoy Estate in Florham Park on April 16, where we gathered in faith and fellowship to celebrate our parish community! We were proud to honor Cheryl and Chip Grabowski, Christine Monaco, Lynne and Joe Oakes, and Margaret Whelan Strong for their service, love, and support of our parish over the years. From the beautiful venue, spectacular cocktail hour, fabulous jazz band, and most importantly all of you who were in attendance and supported, it truly was a night to remember!

Silver Sponsors: CFM CONSTRUCTION, INC. | HARVEST RESTAURANTS | THE HEALEY / HAGERTY FAMILY

Bronze Sponsors: THE CUMMINGS FAMILY | KATHRYN AND THOMAS INGLESBY



CHERYL AND CHIP GRABOWSKI
True Vine Award



CHRISTINE MONACO
Education Leadership Award



LYNNE AND JOE OAKES
Good Shepherd Award



MARGARET WHELAN STRONG
Servant Leader Award

TREE RENEWAL

“Inner peace is closely related to care for ecology and for the common good because, lived out authentically, it is reflected in a balanced lifestyle together with a capacity for wonder which takes us to a deeper understanding of life.”

Laudato si' No 225

Goal: 500 Trees

Funds Raised: \$11,420

Trees Planted: 160

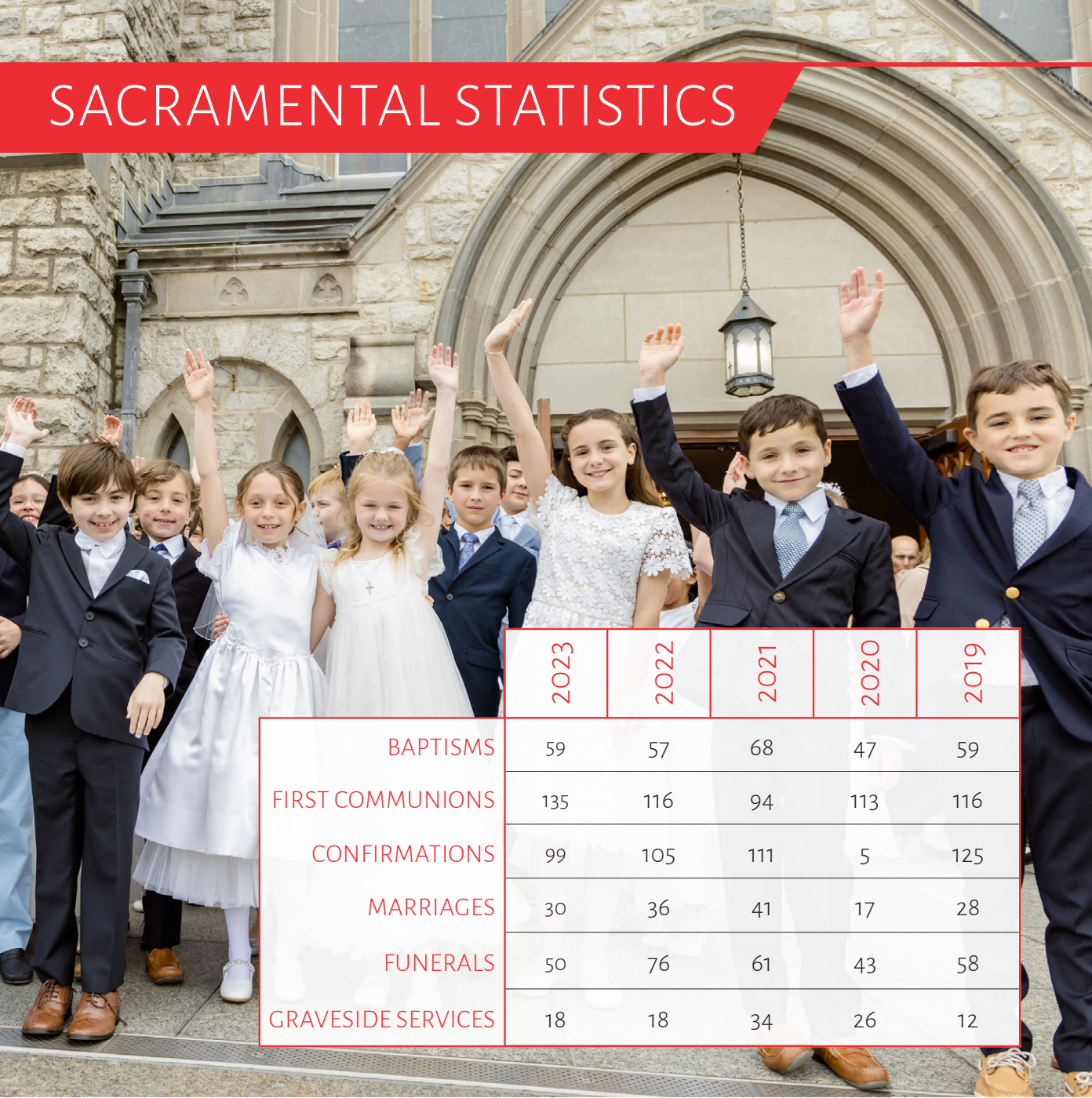
A buzz about trees!

We planted another 40 new evergreens throughout the expansive cemetery grounds, along the front side perimeter and the back edge creating a natural border for the property.

Our tree planting program made quite the media buzz with news features in *Summit Patch*, *Jersey Catholic*, *NorthJersey.com*, and a television spot on *Currents News* and *News12 NJ*! St Teresa of Avila is proudly living out Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home through this green initiative, while enriching the beauty of our natural surroundings.

The program began in 2021, with the goal to plant 500 trees on our parish and cemetery grounds and continues to 'grow' to this day! Through the generosity of our parishioners, we have raised over \$11,000 towards this program and planted a total of over 160 trees. Please consider contributing to this endeavor to help our environment.

SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS



	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
BAPTISMS	59	57	68	47	59
FIRST COMMUNIONS	135	116	94	113	116
CONFIRMATIONS	99	105	111	5	125
MARRIAGES	30	36	41	17	28
FUNERALS	50	76	61	43	58
GRAVESIDE SERVICES	18	18	34	26	12



Year in Review

Faith & Fellowship Enrichment/ Programming

- Angela Intili-Stokes Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Young Adult Worship Nights
- Welcome Fall and Ministry Fair
- Community Support Group
- Feast Day Celebration
- Fall Bible Study: Footsteps of St Paul
- Rosary Congress Day of Prayer
- The Vigil Project: Meaning of Music
- Blessing of the Animals
- Liturgical Ministers Fall Retreat
- All Souls Day Daily Masses (Mausoleum Chapel)
- Veterans Day Memorial Concert
- Seniors Friendsgiving Dinner
- Advent Penance Service
- A Gala Christmas Concert
- Christmas Pageant
- Tree Lighting
- SITA Music Retreat
- St Patrick's Day Irish Pipe Music Concert
- Lenten 5 Week Eucharist Series
- Lenten Day of Penance
- Christian Passover Celebration
- Good Friday Stations of the Cross
- Blessing of the Easter Foods
- Renewing our Hope Gala
- Spirituali-TEA Mothers Day Celebration
- Communion Breakfast, Encounter Class of '24
- Prayer Service for Victims of Abuse
- Graduation Blessing Mass
- Feast of Saint Anthony Mass and Bread Blessing
- Dads and Donuts Fathers Day Gathering
- End of year Family Mass Celebration

Projects & Improvements:

- Audio Improvements to the Church
- Tree Planting to the Cemetery grounds
- Lighting Upgrades to the Church

Giving Opportunities:

- Blood Drive
- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Advent Giving Tree
- Christmas Food Drive
- Coats for Kids
- Christmas Wrapping Fundraiser
- Fair Trade Christmas Boutique
- Souper Bowl Food Drive
- Fair Trade Summer Boutique

Preaching Series

- Fall Series 2023**
 - Corporal Works of Mercy
 - What Would Jesus Do: Acts of Love (Family Mass)
- Stewardship Series 2023**
 - THINK | PRAY | ACT
- Advent Series 2023**
 - God's Greatest Gifts
 - Open Before Christmas...Your Presence (Family Mass)
- Lent 2024**
 - Spiritual Works of Mercy
 - In the Crosswalk - Going on a Journey with Jesus (Family Mass)

Presentations

- Parish Listening Sessions (4)
- Accompanying Persons with Disabilities
- Protecting God's Children
- CLERGY SEX ABUSE: A straightforward, factual, legal presentation and discussion on rights and responsibilities of victims, the accused, and the faithful

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